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Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

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FOR the quieting and extinguiſhing of divers Jealouſies, and Miſapprehenſions of Danger to their Liberties and legal Rights, which have miſled many of His Majeſty's Subjects in the Colonies, Provinces, and Plantations of *New Hampſhire*, *Maſſachuſets Bay*, *Rhode Iſland*, *Connecticut*, *New York*, *New Jerſey*, *Penſylvania*, the Three Lower Counties on *Delaware*, *Maryland*, *Virginia*, *North Carolina*, *South Carolina*, and *Georgia*; and for a fuller Manifeſtation of the juſt and gracious Purpoſes of His Majeſty and His Parliament, to maintain and ſecure all His Subjects in the clear and perfect Enjoyment of ſuch Liberties and Rights;

**Be it Enacted** by the KING's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and
2 Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That Perſons to be appointed by His Majeſty, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, or any of them, ſhall by Force of this Act have full Power, Commiſſion, and Authority, to treat, conſult, and agree, with ſuch Body or Bodies Political and Corporate, or with ſuch Aſſembly or Aſſemblies of Men, or with ſuch Perſon or Perſons, as in their Wiſdom and Diſcretion they ſhall think meet, of and concerning any Grievances, or Complaints of Grievances, exiſting, or ſuppoſed to exiſt, in the Government of any of the ſaid Colonies, Provinces, or Plantations reſpectively, or in the Laws and Statutes of this Realm reſpecting the ſame; and of or concerning any Aid or Contribution to be furniſhed by all or any of the Colonies, Provinces, or Plantations reſpectively, for the common Defence of this Realm, and the Dominions thereunto belonging; and of and concerning ſuch
3 other Regulations, Proviſions, Matters, and Things, as upon mature Deliberation of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any of them, ſhall be thought neceſſary or convenient, for the Honour of His Majeſty, and the common Good of all His Subjects.

**Provided alſo, and be it further Enacted and Declared,** That no Regulation, Proviſion, Matter, or Thing, ſo propoſed, treated, conſulted, or agreed, ſhall have any other Force or Effect, or be carried further into Execution, than is hereinafter mentioned and provided, until the ſame ſhall have been approved by Parliament.

**Provided alſo, and be it further Enacted** by the Authority aforeſaid, That in order to facilitate the good Purpoſes of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any of them, from Time to Time, as they ſhall judge it convenient, to order and proclaim a Ceſſation of Hoſtilities,
4 on the Part of His Majeſty's Troops, in any of the ſaid Colonies or Plantations, or any Part thereof, for any Time, and under any Conditions or Reſtrictions, which they ſhall think convenient; and ſuch Order and Proclamation to revoke and annul, in the ſame Manner and Form, according to their Diſcretion.

**And be it further Enacted,** That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any of them, by Proclamation under

under their reſpective Hands and Seals, from Time to Time, to ſuſpend the Operation and Effect of a certain Act of Parliament, made and paſſed in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, for prohibiting all Trade and Intercourſe with certain Colonies and Plantations therein named, and for the other Purpoſes therein alſo mentioned, or any of the Proviſions or Reſtrictions therein contained, for ſuch convenient Time as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think proper, ſpecifying, in ſuch Proclamation, at what Times and Places reſpectively, and with 5
what Exceptions and Reſtrictions, the ſaid Suſpenſion ſhall take Effect; and the ſaid Suſpenſion and Proclamation, in the ſame Manner and Form, to annul and revoke, according to their Diſcretion.

**And be it further Enacted** by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any of them, may, and they are hereby authorized and impowered to ſuſpend, in ſuch Places, and for ſuch Times, as they ſhall think fit, during the Continuance of this Act, the Operation and Effect of all or any of the Act or Acts of Parliament which have paſſed ſince the Tenth Day of *February* One thouſand Seven hundred and Sixty-three, and which relate to any of His Majeſty's ſaid Colonies, Provinces, or Plantations in *North America*, ſo far as the ſame does relate to them, or the Operation and Effect of any Clauſe, or any Proviſion or Matter therein contained, ſo far as 6
ſuch Clauſes, Proviſions, or Matters, relate to any of the ſaid Colonies, Provinces, or Plantations.

**And it is hereby Enacted** by the Authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any of them, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, to grant a Pardon or Pardons to any Number or Deſcription of Perſons within the ſaid Colonies, Provinces, or Plantations.

**And,** that no Lett or Hindrance may happen from the Vacancy of the Office of Governor and Commander in Chief in any of the ſaid Colonies, Provinces, or Plantations reſpectively, or from the Abſence of ſuch Officer from his Government; **Be it further Enacted** by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any of them, ſhall have full Power and Authority, in any of the ſaid Colonies, Provinces, or Plantations reſpectively, wherein His Majeſty hath uſually heretofore nominated and appointed a Governor, to nominate and appoint, by any 7
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Inſtrument under their Hands and Seals, a proper Perſon to be the Governor and Commander in Chief in and for any ſuch Colony, Province, or Plantation, to have, hold, and exerciſe, during His Majeſty's Pleaſure, the ſaid Office of Governor and Commander in Chief in and for ſuch Colony or Plantation reſpectively, with all ſuch Powers and Authorities as any Governor of ſuch Province, heretofore appointed by His Majeſty, might or could have exerciſed, in as full and ample Manner and Form as if ſuch Governor and Commander in Chief had been nominated and appointed by His Majeſty's Letters Patent or Commiſſion; and for that Purpoſe, if Need be, to revoke, annul, and make void, any Commiſſion or Letters Patent heretofore granted for appointing any ſuch Governor and Commander in Chief.

**And be it further Enacted,** That this Act ſhall continue to be in Force until

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